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1. JP 59-82090 - The relevance of this document is disclosed on page 2 of the specification of the present patent application. A counterpart of this application is U.S. 4,560,656 cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08.

2. JP 06-225781 – The relevance of this document is disclosed at page 4 of the specification of the present patent application. An English-language counterpart of this application is U.S. Patent No. 5,527,693 cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08.

3. JP 3-155792 – The relevance of this document is disclosed at page 3 of the specification of the present patent application. An English-language counterpart of this application is U.S. Patent No. 5,128,261 cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08.

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